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SUBJ: RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION OF DEFENSE TASKS:
DRAFT REPORT TO MINISTERS

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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS TEXT OF ADDENDUM TO DRAFT REPORT TO
MINISTERS ON RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION OF DEFENSE TASKS.
THIS ADDENDUM, DISTRIBUTED BY IS ON APR 28, COVERS
CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING.
BEGIN TEXT:

ADDENDUM TO WORKING PAPER AC/281-WP(75)2, DATED
22ND APRIL , 1975

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF PARAS 3 TO 6(BIS)
(INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION) TO THE ABOVE-QUOTED
DOCUMENT:

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3. A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF
CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING WAS DISCUSSED IN THE REPORT ON
RATIONALISATION PREPARED FOR MINISTERS LAST DECEMBER (1). AT
THAT TIME IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL AND

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES WOULD NEED TO BE OVERCOME IF ANY MOVES FORWARD WERE TO BE MADE. SINCE THEN A FURTHER REPORT(2) HAS BEEN PREPARED. THIS STATES THAT THREE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE EUROTRAINING/NATO TRAINING CONFERENCE FOR THE SPECIAL ATTENTION AND SUPPORT OF MINISTERS. THESE CONCERN:

- A TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE ARMY 155 MM GUN (SP 70)
- NAVAL HELICOPTER CONTROL TRAINING;
- JOINT JET AIR FORCE PILOT TRAINING.

DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW:

TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE NEW 155 MM GUN (SP 70)

4. THE PROPOSAL IS TO SET UP A TRAINING CENTRE FOR ALL NATIONS PURCHASING THE NEW SP 70 GUN WHICH IS BEING JOINTLY DEVELOPED BY GERMANY, ITALY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE TRAINING CENTRE IS TO BE ESTABLISHED, POSSIBLY IN NORTH GER, BEFORE THE WEAPON COMES INTO FULL PRODUCTION IN THE 1980S.

(1) NORWEGIAN DELEGATION LETTER 5337/74/JL/TSB DATED 14TH NOVEMBER, 1975

(2) AC/281-REPORT (75)1

NAVAL HELICOPTER CONTROL TRAINING

5. THE ROLE OF HELICOPTER IN ASW TRAINING IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT; HOWEVER A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF HELICOPTER CONTROLLERS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TRAINING UP TO 180 HELICOPTER CONTROLLERS PER YEAR AND THAT THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE ACHIEVED BY APPROPRIATE EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING FACILITIES AT PORTLAND IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND DEN HELDER IN THE NETHERLANDS. IN ADDITION TO HOST COUNTRIES THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WOULD WISH TO USE THESE FACILITIES:

1975 ONWARDS -- GERMANY, NORWAY, TURKEY

1978 ONWARDS --- DENMARK

1980 ONWARDS --- GREECE.

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FINANCIAL DISCUSSIONS ARE NOW IN PROGRESS ON COST-SHARING MEANWHILE, AND IN VIEW OF THE IMMEDIATE NATURE OF THE REQUIREMENT, THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO FINALISE THE PROPOSALS AND TO START WORK ON THE NECESSARY EXTENSIONS.

JET PILOT TRAINING

6. THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR TRAINING AIR FORCE JET PILOTS ON A JOINT BASIS IS 600 (INCLUDING 200 UNITED STATES PILOT TRAINEES). UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE EUROTRAINING/NATO TRAINING CONFERENCE A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED IN EUROPE, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. THESE OPTIONS AND THE ASSOCIATED RELEVANT FACTORS ARE UNDER STUDY IN CAPITALS AND NATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO DRAW THESE TO THE

ATTENTION OF MINISTERS TO FACILITATE SELECTION OF THE MOST
SUITABLE SCHEME OR SCHEMES.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

6(BIS). FINANCIAL PROBLEMS HAVE HITHERTO BEEN ONE OF THE
MAIN IMPEDIMENTS TO PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF JOINT OR
CENTRALISED TRAINING. HOWEVER THE EUROPTRAINING WORKING GROUP
IS NOW ENGAGED IN PREPARING GUIDELINES FOR THE FUNDING AND
MAINTENANCE OF COMMON TRAINING FACILITIES. NATIONS WILL HAVE
TO BE PREPARED FOR SOME DEGREE OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN ORDER
TO ACHIEVE SUBSEQUENT SAVINGS IN RUNNING COSTS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(ADDITION TO PARA 19(B))

(B) GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO THE THREE PROJECTS FOR
JOINT TRAINING OUTLINED IN PARAS 3 TO 6.

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